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## **Perspectives on quality measurement in private plans**

**ISSUE:** What are the issues that Medicare should consider in the collection of quality information on private plans?

**KEY POINTS:** In its March 2004 report, MedPAC concluded that Medicare should introduce pay-for-performance incentives to provide high-quality care in the Medicare Advantage (MA) program because of the existence of standardized, credible performance measures on all MA plans. For discussion of these matters three speakers will provide their experience on the latest approaches to measuring quality in managed care organizations.

The speakers are:

- **Jack Ebeler**, President and CEO, Alliance of Community Health Plans
- **Dr. Samuel Nussbaum**, Executive Vice-President and Chief Medical Officer, Wellpoint, Inc
- **Margaret O’Kane**, President, National Committee for Quality Assurance

**ACTION:** The panelists will answer questions about their experience in measuring quality of care in managed care organizations. Commissioners can then discuss the implications of the presentations for Medicare. The discussion will guide staff work on this topic for the 2006 report cycle.

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